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Status of Planning for SR-71 Reconnaissance over North Vietnam

1. Route has been selected by the JRC with community coordination. The aircraft will make three passes over North Vietnam covering all important segments of North Vietnam including the DMZ, Panhandle, Mugia Pass, Hanoi/Haiphong and areas to the north.
2. The earliest flight would be on Sunday. The SR-71 track will be concentrated primarily over North Vietnam, and it is planned to fly a U-2 (OLYMPIC MEET) to cover areas and lines of communication in Laos.
3. Community elements have coordinated their requirements to assure that, when a mission flies, it will return the maximum intelligence possible.